

should write the Chairman of the Membership Committee requesting that an application form be sent to the candidate. Requests may be sent to:

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Chairman, Membership Committee  
American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center  
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7th Floor, Room 435  
New York, New York 10032  
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James L. Cox, MD, Secretary

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## THE WESTERN THORACIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

### Announcement of 1996 Annual Meeting

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of The Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held June 26-29, 1996, at the Grand Wailea Resort in Maui, Hawaii. The scientific sessions are open to all duly qualified physicians. Participation in other Association activities for members, invited guests, and program participants will require payment of a social registration fee. Nonmember physicians will be required to pay a scientific registration fee of \$200 in addition to the social registration fee.

#### *Requests for meeting information*

Meeting registration and hotel registration forms will be available in early 1996. Meeting information should be requested from:

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association  
Thirteen Elm Street  
Manchester, Massachusetts 01944  
(508) 526-8330; fax (508) 526-7521

#### *Material for the program*

Scientific papers will be considered from members and nonmembers. Member sponsorship is not necessary. Abstracts of proposed papers must have been received by the Program Chairman on or before February 15, 1996. Each abstract must be 250 words or less, should be typed double-spaced on an 8½ by 11 inch sheet, and must be accompanied by a Transmittal of Abstract Form.

The body of the abstract should accurately describe completed work; contain numerical information about the patients, experimental groups, or results obtained; and discuss the significance or

conclusions that are appropriate. Unless specified otherwise, the first named author will receive correspondence, give a ten-minute presentation of the paper, and close the discussion. Abstracts must represent unpublished work not previously presented at a major scientific meeting. Instructions and Abstract Transmittal Forms are available from:

Pat O. Daily, MD  
The Western Thoracic Surgical Association  
Thirteen Elm Street  
Manchester, Massachusetts 01944  
(508) 526-8330

Successful essayists must deliver the complete manuscript at the time of presentation. The manuscript must be in a form acceptable to THE JOURNAL OF THORACIC AND CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY and must not exceed 3000 words without illustrations. The essay length must be reduced appropriately when figures or tables are included.

#### *Samson Resident Prize Essay*

The Association offers a prize for the best manuscript on a topic of interest to thoracic surgeons in honor of Paul C. Samson. Candidates for the prize must be in a training program in the United States or Canada. The one essayist whose abstract, manuscript, and presentation are judged most outstanding will receive a \$1000 cash award following the presentation of all papers in Hawaii. The conditions for abstract submission, presentation, and publication as described above will apply. In addition, the

*Samson Resident Prize Essay* box in the lower left hand corner of the form should be checked. A covering letter from the Chief of Service of the training program indicating the individual's year of training and the proportion of the work performed by the resident must be submitted. The authors of the abstracts chosen for the program will make up the finalists and will be notified by March 29, 1996, that they must submit *six completed manuscripts for review by the Prize Essay Committee*. The Prize Essay Committee will make its selection following the presentation of all papers in Hawaii.

#### *Application for membership*

Applications for membership in the Association must have been received by the Membership Com-

mittee Chairman no later than March 1, 1996, to be considered at the following annual meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

Address correspondence to:

Steven Guyton, MD  
Chairman, Membership Committee  
The Western Thoracic Surgical Association  
Thirteen Elm Street  
Manchester, Massachusetts 01944  
(508) 526-8330; fax (508) 526-4018

*Kent W. Jones, MD, Secretary*

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## THE AMERICAN BOARD OF THORACIC SURGERY

### Notices

The Part I (written) examination will be held at the Atlanta Airport Hilton and Towers, Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Georgia, on February 11, 1996. The closing date for registration is August 1, 1995.

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board in force at the time the application is received.

Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, One Rotary Center, Suite 803, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

The American Board of Thoracic Surgery began its recertification process in 1984. Diplomates interested in participating in this examination should maintain a documented list of their operations performed during the year prior to application for recertification. This practice review should consist of one year's consecutive major operative experiences. (If more than 100 cases occur in one year, only 100 need to be listed.) For the two years prior to application they should also keep a record of their

attendance at approved postgraduate medical education programs. A minimum of 100 hours of approved CME activity is required.

In place of a cognitive examination, candidates for recertification will be required to complete both the general thoracic and cardiac portions of the SESATS V Syllabus (Self-Education/Self Assessment in Thoracic Surgery). It is not necessary for candidates to purchase SESATS V prior to applying for recertification. SESATS V booklets will be forwarded to candidates after their applications have been accepted.

Diplomates whose ten-year certificates will expire in 1997 may begin the recertification process in 1995. Their new certificate will be dated ten years from the time of expiration of their original certificate. Recertification is also open to diplomates with an unlimited certificate and will in no way affect the validity of their original certificate.

The deadline for submission of applications was May 1, 1995. A recertification brochure outlining the rules and requirements for recertification in thoracic surgery is available upon request from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, One Rotary Center, Suite 803, Evanston, Illinois 60201.